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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM : Richard J. Kerr
Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : SAFE Status

R. Kerr

1. Although we acquiesced in your decision at the 12 June review meeting on SAFE -- to install Delivery 2 at CIA in July with few software fixes and to provide Delivery 2.x to DIA in December -- we did so only because we understood that it was the only one available to you, given conflicting demands from the DI and DIA.

2. One of our greatest SAFE-related concerns is the impact of likely future slippages on the DI's goals of (a) universal access to (b) a fully capable, easy-to-use system. I understand that we face significant shortfalls in both areas.

- In December 1984, we reluctantly agreed to stop adding new users to SAFE for three months prior to the scheduled arrival of Delivery 2 in March 1985. Under CSPO's transition plan, at least 15 months will pass between the closing of SAFE in late 1984 and the first date for adding new users (April 1986). We expect further schedule slippages, however, that will extend the hiatus even more.
- Enhancements expected in Delivery 2 -- single log-on to MAIL and TEXT; multi-tasking to permit analysts simultaneously to review mail and compose finished intelligence or put information into structured data bases; and the ability to file and search into over 100 zones of cables -- have been reduced sharply in the drive to keep to a schedule.
- The multi-tasking capability that will arrive with Delivery 2 will not allow analysts concurrently to

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- read mail and write finished intelligence. In short, the new software will not provide the basic multi-tasking that we sought.
- To help move Logicon's part of the project along, we agreed to reduce the number of zones that system software was required to identify accurately from over 100 to eight. This represents only a marginal increase over the three zones available in Delivery 1.

3. It is increasingly clear that the DI's requirements diverse sharply from those of DIA. DIA's greatest concern seems to be that delivery schedules be met. Our concern is to maximize access to existing services and to avoid releasing software with known flaws. I believe that we can meet more of each group's goals if CSPO will:

- Merge Deliveries 2 and 2.x into a single release that will be introduced first at DIA in December. (As now designed, Delivery 2.x will only include what is in Delivery 2 as of 30 September 1985.) This change would have DIA -- not the DI -- pay the cost associated with wringing out the software in exchange for keeping to the present schedule.
- Task contractor resources to reopen Delivery 1. We understand that about four work-weeks of CRW resources would be needed to change the software so that it could accommodate everyone in the DI if necessary. We clearly prefer that CSPO focus on expanding DI access instead of continuing on D2 software for a July release to the DI.
- Training of new DI system users will not impact on Hadron's resources. The DI, hopefully in collaboration with OTE, will organize and conduct training for all new users of the DI software.
- As promised at the 12 June meeting, we assume that CSPO will provide the additional position needed by OIT/AMB for file maintenance and backup.
- Reschedule Delivery 2 for release to the DI after DIA has wrung out the D2 software and it has been certified by ASG (in consultation with OCR's SAFE Support Branch) as meeting D2 requirements. I want to emphasize that we will not allow flaws in Delivery 2 software to disrupt DI production.

4. While implementing the steps that I have outlined can permit both the DI and DIA to obtain more of what each wants from SAFE, a longer-term problem of different organizational

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priorities remains. Given these fundamental differences, I encourage you to split SAFE into two separate projects as soon as possible. This will permit each group to set its own priorities and not require you to arbitrate conflicting demands.

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